

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADDING OR ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE FUTURE LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, SANITARY SEWER, POTABLE WATER, SOLID WASTE, DRAINAGE, AQUIFER RECHARGE, CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AVIATION ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS ARISING FROM CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE 2010 CENSUS; UPDATING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; CREATING NEW LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**

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Commissioner Knowles introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADDING OR ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE FUTURE LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, SANITARY SEWER, POTABLE WATER, SOLID WASTE, DRAINAGE, AQUIFER RECHARGE, CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AVIATION ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ARISING FROM CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE 2010 CENSUS; UPDATING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; CREATING NEW LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; ELIMINATING THE EDUCATION ELEMENT OF THE FORMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Henderson requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

CM Evans asked Community Development Director (CDD) Bill Wiley to explain the difference between transmittal and adoption and how the scheduling works.

CDD Wiley stated this is the first reading of the transmittal hearing as well as the first reading of the Ordinance. For State Comprehensive Plans the transmittal of the ordinance on the first reading is submitted to the State and the State has forty-five days to review and respond back only on the regional issues. Other agencies will respond directly back to the City making it a much shorter process. Every seven years the City is to update its Comp Plan and Leesburg last passed its plan in 2010. Prior to the update the City must do an Evaluation Appraisal Report (EAR) and this was done about eighteen months ago. LPG has worked as the City's consultant on this project and updates have been incorporated with the new land use changes.

Commissioner Polk asked if property has a residential zoning does the City have to make contact with the owners or can the City just place the zoning into the correct category.

CDD Wiley stated most land owners did not know the land use and zonings were different and yes, the City can just make the change, saving the owner the application fee as the City does an overall map.

Greg Beliveau, LPG representative, stated under the new law the State shortened the time for reviews; what used to be an eighteen month process now has become about a six to eight month process in the worse case scenario. In the past the DCA, now the Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO), could basically comment on any issues received from other agencies but now are only allowed to speak to their issues as the review has become more targeted. Also, with the addition of several new land use designations it gives the City a better balance and land uses are more diversified.

Commissioner Polk asked if this then comes back to the Commission in sixty days for the second reading.

Mr. Beliveau stated the City is looking at sixty to ninety days for adoption of the ordinance.

CDD Wiley stated one of the things the State also provided with changes in the administration is an expedited review process which must be requested as part of the transmittal. CDD Wiley asked the Commission to vote to recommend transmittal of the Ordinance to the state and request they expedite the review.

CA Morrison stated this first reading of the Comprehensive Plan is a little different than other first readings in that a motion for transmittal and expedited review is needed.

Commissioner Polk moved to adopt and submit a transmittal letter for the Comprehensive Plan to the State, including a request for an expedited review and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Puckett	Yes
Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Knowles	Yes
Commissioner Polk	Yes
Mayor Henderson	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the motion to transmit the Comprehensive Plan to the State.